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Subject: [MassPlanners] Resources for Tenants and Landlords re: Eviction Moratorium During Covid-19 Emergency

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Hello Planners:

I wanted to pass along two important resources for tenants and landlords in your communities. Please share them as needed.

1. On April 20, 2020 Governor Baker approved the *Moratorium on Eviction during the Covid-19 Emergency*. Unless extended by the Governor, this protection will end on August 18, 2020 or 45 days after the end of the Massachusetts state of emergency, whichever comes first. This law is intended to keep tenants from being evicted, and from having to cope with the eviction process, in the midst of our current public health crisis. **However, tenants will ultimately still be responsible for lease payments to their landlord.** In an effort to clarify tenant's rights and responsibilities under the law, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Development (DHCD) issued more detailed guidance for tenants:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/dhcd-guidance-and-form-instructions-for-tenants-eviction-moratorium/download>

2. Additionally, MHP developed a resource guide for tenants and others facing financial distress due to the emergency. This is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese on MHP's website:

<https://www.mhp.net/news/2020/resources-for-tenants-during-covid-19-pandemic>

May better times come soon!



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